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Church News

JUNE COLLECTIONS.

The month of June is set apart by the General Assembly for Local Home Missions. Send remittances to the Synodical or Presbyterian treasurer.

CHINA.

The First Gift to the New Church: Rev. Hampden C. DuBose, D. D., of Soochow China, writes: "We acknowledge with thanksgiving from a venerable minister in South Carolina, who is the triple clerk of Presbytery, Synod and the Assembly, and his beloved wife and four sons, the latter scattered from Philadelphia to Austin, the gift of one hundred and twenty-five dollars to pay for a lot adjoining the present chapel. These relatives by ancestral ties are made doubly dear by making us the recipients of their bounty which is over and above their regular gifts to the cause of foreign missions. Within the walls of the old chapel during seven and thirty years nearly two millions of the men and women of Siam have heard the preaching and the Word. The junior evangelist has now the charge of the Sabbath congregation, while the senior goes to the country churches. The editorial secretary, Rev. H. F. Williams, said last week, 'You certainly need a new church.' As with the old sanctuary, the new is to be opened daily. The lighting of the city by electricity which is soon to be, will double the evening congregations."

Nanking Theological Seminary: I observe that the start has been made toward raising the \$10,000.00 for the Nanking Theological Seminary. So far it is a very small start. It seems to me that \$10,000 fund ought to be easily raised and I have a suggestion to make. There are about two hundred and sixty thousand members of our church. There are certainly, at least, one thousand of us who could at once pay \$10 each to raise this money, and that without interfering in the least with our contributions to other funds. I suggest that every one who sees this will just simply write to

you that he will give \$10 to this fund, and it ought to be raised in a week's time. I will be one of the number. I wish those who are able to do it would give some thought to this matter. Suggestion No. 2. The General Assembly's Home and School at Fredericksburg, Virginia, is one of the most splendid institutions of our Church. As we all know, it affords a home for the widows of deceased ministers and an education for the children of our ministers and missionaries. Certainly we all ought to take an interest in that; and that institution ought to have at least \$100,000 as an endowment. There is no doubt about it that there are at least a thousand of us who haven't in the past given to church purposes what we ought to have given, who can well afford to give \$100 a piece to such a splendid permanent investment as this. Why not do it? I will be one of that number. If each one who can will just do it we will soon have the number.

Elder.

ARKANSAS.

Batesville: The baccalaureate sermon of the Arkansas College will be preached by Rev. Robert E. Vinson, D. D., of Austin, Texas, on June 13. On the following night the Inter-society Oratorical contest will take place, and on June 15, the seven members of the graduating class will receive their degrees.

FLORIDA.

Suwanee Presbytery has accepted the resignation of Rev. J. F. Ford as pastor of the Live Oak Church, and granted him a letter of dismission to the East Alabama Presbytery, where he has accepted a call.

Palatka: Rev. L. R. Lynn, has resigned the pastorate of this church and will be installed as pastor of the Springfield Church, Jacksonville, about the middle of June. During the fifty-three years of its history, Mr. Lynn's pastorate of six years is the longest the church has ever had.

GEORGIA.

Blackshear: A very neat and attractive invitation, from the faculty and graduating class of the Presbyterian Institute, has been received. The commencement exercises began May 28. Rev. Lynn R. Walker, of Atlanta, is to preach the baccalaureate sermon.

Moultrie: The report to Presbytery from this church contains the following: Members received on examination, 19; On certificate, 11; Making a total of 115. All the causes were liberally remembered, the total being \$5,408. Rev. and Mrs. Motte Martin, missionaries to Africa are supported by this church.

Athens Presbytery: The constitutional requirements having been met I hereby call a meeting of Athens Presbytery to meet at Commerce, June 18, 1909, 11 a. m., to attend to the following business if the way be clear: (1) To act upon the resignation of Rev. J. D. McPhail, as pastor of the Commerce Church. (2) To authorize the home mission committee of Athens Presbytery to call the Rev. J. D. McPhail as supervisor of home missions in the Presbytery, if his pastoral relations are dissolved. (3) To elect another member of the home mission committee in the place of Rev. J. D. McPhail, if he is

called as supervisor of home missions. (4) And to transact any other business which might concern the home mission work of the Presbytery.

W. L. Barber, Mod.

The Presbyterians of Atlanta are having a week with John Calvin. A committee appointed by the Presbyterian Minister's Association has prepared a most excellent program which we give below. We have not seen anywhere a more interesting or stronger program. All the services will be held in the Central church. Monday, May 31, 8 p. m.: "The Times in Which Calvin Wrought." Rev. Henry Alexander White, D. D., Columbia Theological Seminary. Tuesday, June 1, 8 p. m.: "John Calvin and American Liberty." Rev. R. C. Reed, D. D., Columbia Theological Seminary. Wednesday, June 2, 8 p. m.: "The Life of the Man Calvin." Rev. Henry E. Dosker, D. D., Louisville Theological Seminary. Thursday, June 3, 8 p. m.: "Calvin, Exegete, and Theologian." Rev. R. A. Webb, D. D., Louisville Theological Seminary. Friday, June 4, 8 p. m.: "The Five Points of Calvinism." Rev. G. B. Strickler, D. D., Union Theological Seminary, Richmond, Va.

Atlanta, North Avenue Church: At the close of the Sabbath school six children were baptized. Dr. W. H. Venable, one of our missionaries from China, preached in the morning and Rev. Homer McMillan at night, Sunday 30th.

First Church: On Sunday morning, May 30, Dr. W. L. Lingle, preached a very instructive sermon on the life of John Calvin. Rev. J. L. Bachman, of Sweetwater, Tenn., filled the pulpit at night.

Barnett Church: Mr. G. R. Buford, a recent graduate of the Kentucky Theological Seminary, has declined the call to this church.

Inman Park: Children's day was observed in this church on Sunday morning, May 30. The pastor, Rev. J. B. Ficklen, delivered an address to the children on their influence, which he represented by candles. It was a record-breaking day with the Sunday school, 254 being present out of 260 on the roll.

KENTUCKY.

Morganfield: Rev. C. N. Wharton and wife, reached New York on May 16, returning from their visit to the Holy Land and various points in Europe. Their trip was a very interesting one, though it was shadowed by sad tidings from home and the severe illness of Mr. Wharton in Rome and Florence. They have gone to his old home in North Carolina to rest and recuperate and hope to return to Kentucky about August 1, where they will be warmly welcomed by their people in Morganfield.

A. B. M.

LOUISIANA.

New Orleans: On the first Sunday of June, Rev. J. Ernest Thacker, of Norfolk, Va., will fill the pulpit of the First Church, and on the three following Sabbaths, Rev. D. Clay Lilly, D. D., will be the supply.

Minden: "Children's Day," was observed by this Sabbath school on May 23. The interesting program prepared by the committee was carefully followed; no little interest being manifested. A